

# Who doesn't love pre season training?

by Tony Hales

Sound like the start of a sonnet or perhaps a Verve song? Maybe, so allow me to indulge with 14 lines of why we love pre season training.

EP, aka Sportscover Arena, aka that elliptical shaped recreation reserve at the bottom of Glen Huntly Rd that hasn't gotten any smaller over the years.

Inspiration. How can one not put in those extra yards when one hears about Schwabby and Siggy's battles in the off season?

New hope. Last season is a distant memory. Missed out on a senior GF in 2010, back for another crack, you know who you are. Really mean business.

They're coming. Who? The future stars who have set the agenda with their February attendance. Kit, Ollie, Ben... watch out Rusty, Tim et al!

The Big H. Haven't seen a more attentive bunch of guys and girls hanging on every one of Harry's words since Tony Abbott's stunned mullet impersonation.

Uniformity. Normally can't stand the concept but I've gotta say the new training gear looks great. Love that zipper. Well done Mr Pres.

The Target or The Quiz Question. How many new boundary umpires do you reckon we'll end up with in 2011? Prizes, committee? Up to 15 and they're still coming.

Switcheroo. Welcome to the real world, the dark side of field umpiring, wait for it... Brendan the Blood Man, Davey Mc and Slippery Jules. Back to back Premier GFs, Dave?

Chuck. Steps up, just gets the job done. Is there anything the Legend cannot do? Love the clockwise, anti clockwise equilibrium experiment.

Girls, girls, girls. Asher, Megan, Vanessa, Jayde, Rebecca, great to see you. Will we crack double figures?

The competition starts now, boys. Who would have thunk it, Fenno and Jamesy training in February. Bring on April.

How the West was won. That one was Greg, now Josh is here two (or maybe that's too... sorry, awful line, I'm almost through, this is line 13)

You... where are you? The air conveyance will soon be kicked in anger. Join us at EP or Werribee or coming soon for Bohemians, Brunswick St.